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The Honorable Frank R. Wolf  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Thank you for your letter of 25 May 1983 which forwarded  
correspondence from [redacted]

Our specialists are aware of the "dialectical method" and have included it in their analysis. There is widespread agreement, for example, that the Soviet Union's pursuit of "detente," which [redacted] describes as the dialectical opposite of cold war, has been tactical in nature and represents no real change in its ultimate goals. Although they recognize the importance of ideology as a determinant of Soviet behavior, our specialists believe Soviet policies and tactics also are shaped by geopolitical considerations that must be addressed in their analysis. They have, therefore, used other sources and methodologies to complement analysis of ideology and dialectics.

I appreciate your bringing [redacted] research to my attention. If he is interested in seeking additional funding for his studies, he might wish to apply to the National Council for Soviet and East European Research.

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Sincerely,

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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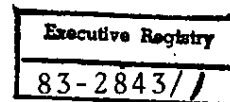
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13 June 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence  
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Letter from Congressman Frank R. Wolf dated 25 May 1983

I would like to make a fuller response to Congressman Wolf. Before doing so I would like to have an expression of opinion from the DI on this approach to understanding where the Soviets come from and where they might be going.



William J. Casey

Attachment:  
Letter from Congressman Wolf dated 25 May 1983  
and DCI response dated 13 June 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Robert M. Gates  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Letter from Congressman Frank R. Wolf

REFERENCE: ER 83-2843/1

1. Action. A response to Congressman Wolf is attached for your signature.

STAT 2. Background. I asked the Office of Soviet Analysis to respond to points made by [ ] in his letter to Congressman Wolf. Their comments follow.


STAT 3. The "dialectical" aspects of Soviet behavior, in our judgment, have not been ignored in our analysis, as [ ] claims. There is widespread agreement, for example, that the Soviet Union's pursuit of "detente," which he describes as the dialectical opposite of cold war, has been tactical in nature and represents no real change in its ultimate goals. From a STAT theoretical standpoint, of course, [ ] also is correct about the nature of intra-bloc polemics--that they should ultimately lead to a strengthening, rather than weakening, of Communist ideology. In the short term, however, these disputes clearly have had an adverse effect on Soviet policy. We doubt that the Soviet leadership's recognition of the dialectical nature of the conflict with the Chinese, for example, has made it any less concerned about Chinese flirtation with the West and its possible consequences for Soviet policy. Any analysis that concentrated on the former to the exclusion of the latter clearly would be a disservice to our policy makers.

STAT 4. In sum, we agree with [ ] that the dialectical aspects of Soviet behavior should not be ignored but do not believe we have done so. On the other hand, we believe that focusing on the "dialectical method" to the exclusion of other methodologies, as he appears to be advocating, would be unwise.

SUBJECT: Letter from Congressman Frank R. Wolf

Although we agree that ideology is an important determinant of Soviet behavior, Soviet policies and tactics, in our judgment, also are shaped by geopolitical considerations that must be addressed in our analysis.

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Robert M. Gates

Attachment:  
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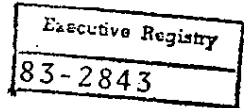
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Hon. William J. Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20506



Dear Mr. Casey:

I am enclosing materials explaining a different approach  
to studying and understanding communism as presented to me by



It is [redacted] opinion that the understanding of this  
approach by U.S. negotiators and Soviet scholars is critical  
if we as a nation are to effectively confront communism.

I would greatly appreciate your professional evaluation  
of this "Dialectic" method which is fully explained in the  
enclosures. I refer you first to [redacted] on this  
subject.

I realize the constraints of your busy schedule, but I  
hope that you will take the time to analyze the merits of this  
proposal. I believe the strategy of the Dialectic system could  
prove to be very important for our national security.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf  
Member of Congress

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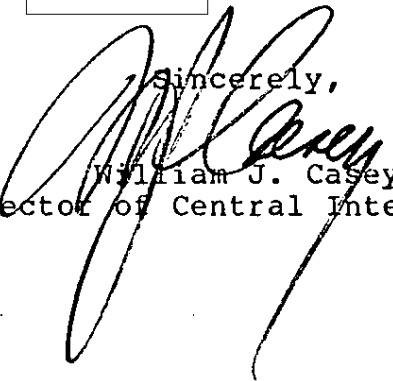
Dear Mr. Wolf:

Thank you for your letter of 25 May 1983 which forwarded  
correspondence [redacted]

I have referred [redacted] letter and accompanying  
enclosures to those offices within the Central Intelligence  
Agency which might benefit most from the study and application  
of the "dialectic method." Please be assured that this  
material will be given careful consideration by this Agency.

I appreciate your bringing [redacted] research to my  
attention.

Sincerely,

  
William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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